



California Regional Water Quality Control Board

Santa Ana Region



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Notice of Public Workshop for a Review of Provisions to Incorporate Big Bear Lake and Rathbun Creek Sediment Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) into the Water Quality Control Plan for the Santa Ana River Basin (Basin Plan)

Notice is hereby given that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region (Regional Board) will conduct a public workshop to consider amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan). The public workshop will be held at the regularly scheduled Regional Board Meeting on August 26, 2005 at the following time and location:

DATE: August 26, 2005
TIME: 1:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Big Bear Municipal Water District's meeting room
40524 Lakeview Drive
Big Bear Lake

Discussion

Pursuant to Clean Water Act Section 303(d) the Regional Board has identified Big Bear Lake and Rathbun Creek in the Big Bear Lake watershed as water quality limited segments, that is, applicable water quality standards (beneficial uses and water quality objectives) are not being attained or are not expected to be attained with the implementation of technology-based controls. Impairment of these waterbodies is due to excessive sedimentation/siltation.

To address the impairment, the Regional Board is required to develop Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDLs) for sediments that will ensure attainment of water quality standards. Regional Board staff has prepared the draft Big Bear Lake and Rathbun Creek Sediment TMDLs that will be presented and discussed at the workshop. The report recommends amendments to the Basin Plan to incorporate the Sediment TMDLs, an implementation plan, and a schedule for implementation and re-evaluation of the TMDLs.

A staff report on the proposed Basin Plan amendment is available. A copy of the staff report may be obtained upon request to Board staff at (951) 782-4130 or from the Regional Board's website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/santaana>. The staff report and related documents may also be reviewed at the Regional Board office located at 3737 Main Street, Suite 500, Riverside, California, by appointment scheduled from Monday through Friday. Appointments may be scheduled by calling the office at (951) 782-4130.

Public participation is an important part of this process. The purpose of the public workshop is to receive testimony on the proposed Big Bear Lake and Rathbun Creek Sediment TMDLs and Basin Plan amendment. No formal action will occur at the August 26, 2005 workshop. Regional Board consideration of adoption of a proposed Basin Plan amendment will occur at a subsequent public hearing. The Regional Board will accept written and oral testimony at or prior to the August 26, 2005 workshop. We will also accept written comments up to September 2, 2005. For the sake of the accuracy of the record, please provide written copies of oral comments. Comments should be submitted to Heather Boyd at the address listed above or by e-mail at hboyd@waterboards.ca.gov.

Comments or questions regarding this matter should be directed to Hope Smythe at (951)782-4493 or Heather Boyd at (951)320-2006. Any person who is disabled and requires special accommodation to participate in the Regional Board workshop should contact Catherine Ehrenfeld at (951)782-3285 no later than August 16, 2005.

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